

JOHNSON DOCKED,  
PROTESTS TO HOUSE

"Pink Slip" Rule Robs Him of Two Months' Salary—Makes Angry Complaint.

By reason of a question of privilege, Congressman Ben Johnson of Kentucky, chairman of the District Committee, yesterday complained in the House today that he had been docked for two months' salary by the sergeant-at-arms, although he had been present virtually every day during August and September.

Mr. Johnson said the sergeant-at-arms had docked him because he had declined to sign the pink slips upon which the House official asked members to certify whether they were subject to a cut in pay under the "underwood" reduction, because of absenteeism.

Asserting that he had always been a faithful attendant at the House and had missed only three days during the two months mentioned, during which time he went home to play a cornet in a building, Mr. Johnson said:

"The feeble plea of the sergeant-at-arms for docking me is because I have consented to be the judge, witness and jury of my own case by signing a pink slip sent me to certify whether I was consented to be being absent under section 6 of the Revised Statutes."

Mr. Johnson said that he would not sign the slip and wanted to know if there was not some way to get his money by a ruling from the speaker who knows that I have been present nearly all the time."

Speaker Clark said that the sergeant-at-arms, as disbursing officer of the House, must find out in his own way what the House wanted.

"Does he not incur a risk in refusing to sign?" asked the indignant Mr. Johnson.

Wants New Committee.

That is a legal proposition that the speaker is not authorized to pass on," said Speaker Clark.

"I defy anybody to find authority for docking a man when he has been present," said Mr. Johnson angrily.

Quite a colloquy ensued between the speaker and the speaker, but Mr. Johnson said that the sergeant-at-arms must make his own ruling under the present docking resolution.

Republican members laughed heartily during the performance, as they had predicted trouble over the docking plan.

Mr. Johnson said to know if there was no committee to investigate the actions of the sergeant-at-arms. The speaker said he knew of none.

There ought to be a committee," said Mr. Johnson, "to investigate whether the sergeant-at-arms has paid anybody he has no right to pay, when he refuses to pay somebody he should pay."

Congressman Johnson said he intended to find out if everybody had been docked as they should have been.

Vice President Main observed that the sergeant-at-arms was entitled to require a certificate from members as to whether their absence was due to sickness, which is the only thing excusable under the docking law. It was this certificate that Mr. Johnson refused to sign.

gentlemanly Method.

The minority leader said he thought the sergeant-at-arms was pursuing the most gentlemanly method possible under the circumstances. Congressman Zarratt asked Mr. Johnson if he did not think that those who make a "should hesitate to stand on technicalities, but instead do all in their power to uphold the law."

Congressman Johnson again reiterated that the sergeant-at-arms had no right to dock him when the journal showed and everybody knew he had been present during the two months.

There ought to be some way," said Johnson, "to prevent the sergeant-at-arms from holding up any one he docks because he refuses to sign a pink slip, which the sergeant-at-arms has no right to demand that he sign."

Johnson said he was satisfied with the sergeant-at-arms had paid people who were absent last month while refusing to pay him who was present. The speaker, however, was forced to take his seat without finding a remedy for his predicament.

Congressman Douglass of Connecticut and Hay of Virginia halted the colloquy, which had grown general on the floor of the chamber, by demanding a "regular order," which was the substance of debate on the Philipine bill.

Woman's Will Demands Needle Pierce Her Heart

BALTIMORE, Oct. 2.—That her heart pierced with an electric needle after death was one of the peculiar and unusual directions as to the treatment of her corpse contained in the will of Katherine W. Stillwell, probated in the orphans' court here, and all of which, it is understood, were carried out after death had been assured by the will.

Stillwell's body was cremated at the crematorium, and the remains were placed in a vault in the family home and with some of the family knowing of it. Another provision was that if Mrs. Stillwell died in an apartment house or a hotel her body should be carried down by hired persons of the undertaker, and that she be conveyed to the crematory in a hearse, the three words being underlined.

It was also directed in the will that Mrs. Stillwell's ashes be placed in "any plain receptacle" and dropped into the water by her nephew, Harry E. Myers, after being weighed.

All these wishes of Mrs. Stillwell were complied with, it is understood, Mr. Myers having dropped the ashes aboard down the bay.

New Currency System  
May Be Ready October 19

By November 1—possibly by October 19—the new currency system under the Federal Reserve Board will be put into operation, according to plans today of the board.

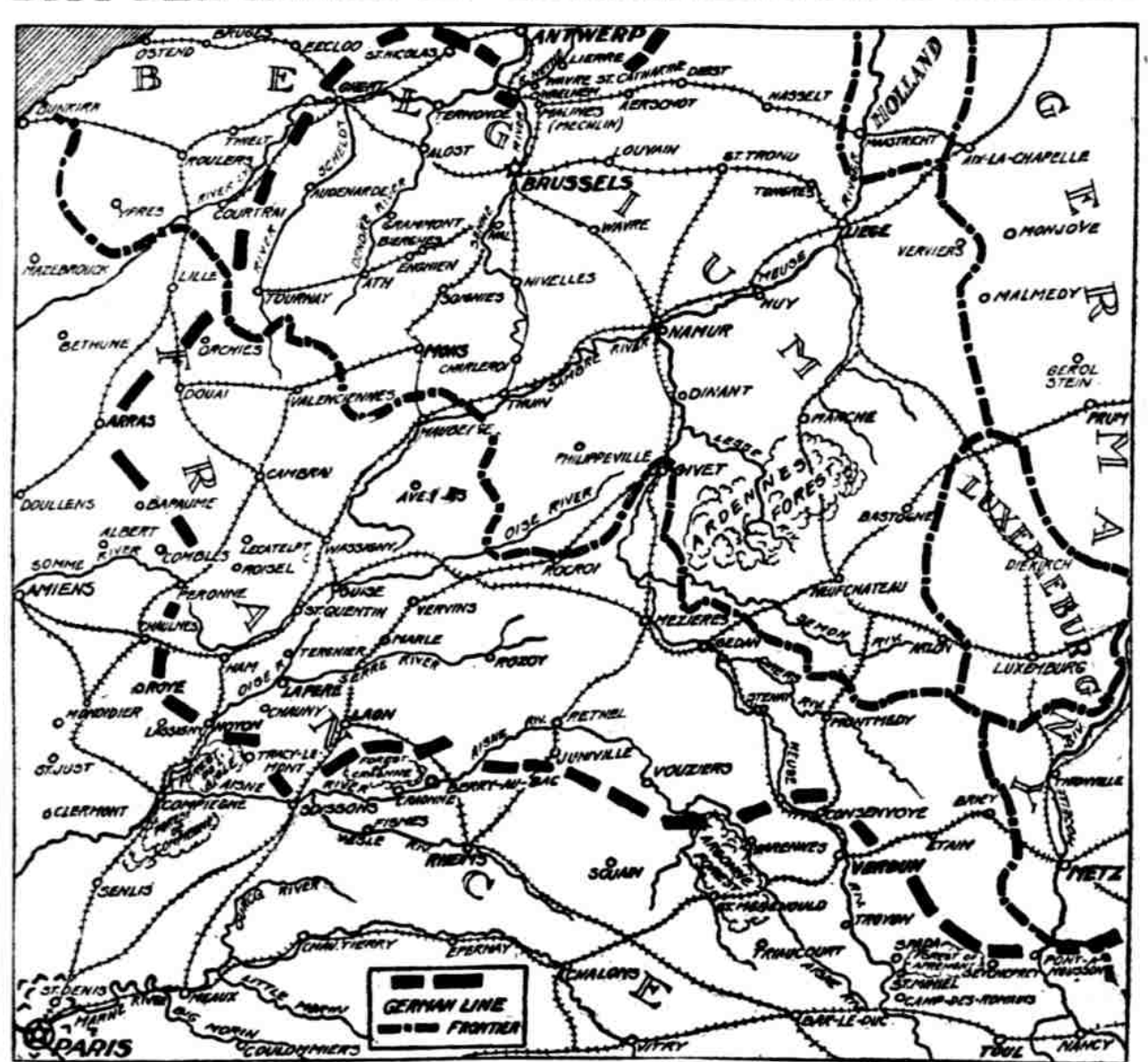
Organization of seven of the twelve regional reserve bank districts is now being completed, following the appointment of the board of Class C directors. The directorate of the other five districts will be announced today.

The Bureau of Engraving has been working overtime completing the special currency for issuance to the regional reserve banks, most of it now being held in readiness in the Treasury vaults.

Franklin Roosevelt Back  
At His Desk, Satisfied

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who has been absent from his desk during his Senatorial campaign in New York, returned today, expressing himself well satisfied with the outcome, despite his defeat by Ambassador Gerard. He pointed out that he had carried the State outside of New York city, and that the insured for the Democratic party in State practical autonomy from Tammany rule.

## BATTLE LINES OF GERMANS AND ALLIES



The battle line in France remains without marked change, save that the French are not only resisting a fierce counter-attack at Roye, but have extended their flanking line to Arras. In the center neither side has gained any special advantage, but in the southeast the French report a forward movement below Verdun and near St. Mihiel, where they have driven the Germans from the left bank of the Meuse. In the operation at Arras one of the French commands was forced to move back toward the north and east, but at Roye and Lassigny the German frontal attack failed. Northwest France, from Amiens to Lille and the frontier, is said to be free of German troops.

Today's War  
Summary

By JOHN EDWIN NEVIN.

ENGLAND—It is admitted the battle of Cracow, just beginning, will have a most decisive effect in the war if Russia wins, as it will probably force Germany to sue for peace. The announcement by Sir John French that the Germans are plainly suffering from a scarcity of officers is accepted as proving the severity of the German losses have not been exaggerated.

FRANCE—The Germans continue their desperate efforts to break through the allied lines on the left and isolate the northern French wing, but the war office officially declares the movement has failed to succeed.

RUSSIA—The war office declares the Germans have been decisively defeated, and are in full retreat from Russian Poland, and that the battle of Cracow, now beginning, may prove the decisive conflict of the war. It is declared the German loss in killed, wounded and captured numbers 60,000.

BELGIUM—The bombardment of Antwerp continues, but every attempt of the Germans to gain a foothold in the outer ring of forts has been defeated with heavy loss, according to the war office.

ROUMANIA—Russia has offered Roumania the Austrian crown lands of Bukovina and Transylvania as a reward if she participates in the war on the side of the allies. The crown council will decide whether the offer is to be accepted early next week. King Carol is ill at his summer palace, and is expected to abdicate if the council decides to support Russia.

JAPAN—The bombardment of Kiaochow, by the combined Anglo-Japanese land and sea forces continues with violence. Another Japanese mine sweeper has been sunk. Four were killed.

GERMANY—It is officially stated the French attempt to outflank the German right has decisively failed, and that the Germans are now driving the allies back at several points of the north and south battle line between Noyon and the Belgian frontier. The Russian claims of a disaster to the Germans in Poland are flatly contradicted, and it is stated the Germans are everywhere successful, and that the situation is entirely satisfactory to the general staff.

## Wholesale Produce Market

EGGS—Nearby, fresh, 29¢30 per doz.; Southern, 28¢ per doz.

CHEESE—New York, 16¢ per lb.; Swiss, 15¢ per lb.

BUTTER—Eagle brand, 22¢ per lb.; tub, 21¢ per lb.; heavy, 20¢ per lb.; fat, 19¢ per lb.

LIVE POULTRY—Quotations furnished by Krey, Price & Co., Inc.—Hens, 16¢10 per lb.; Roasters, 17¢ per lb.; turkeys, 18¢50 per lb.; Ducks, 14¢10 per lb.; spring chickens, 16¢10 per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Veal calves, best, 11¢ per lb.; heavy, 10¢ per lb.; fat sheep, 44¢40 per lb.; spring lambs, 78¢ per lb.

VEGETABLES—Quotations furnished by Taylor, Wade & Potomac, Inc.—Cauliflowers, \$1.50 per bushel; \$1.25 per sack; cabbages, \$1.25 per hundred lbs.; lettuce, \$1.00 per basket; beets, \$1.00 per 100 bunches.

WOOLES—Quotations furnished by Krey, Price & Co., Inc.—Washed, free from burrs, 24¢ per lb.

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Wisconsin Town Marks  
A Civic Step Forward

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 2.—A unique pageant and celebration was held in Sauk City today, marking the transfer

of the city's voting precinct from the town hall to the social center in the school house, a step in the social center movement being carried on in Wisconsin. Zona Gale, the Wisconsin author, and Justice R. G. Siebeck, of the supreme court, took leading parts.

AIRMEN BATTLE AS  
HAWK WITH HERON

Frenchman Outwits German in Whirlwind Contest at Cambrai.

FOLKESTONE, England, Oct. 2.—A wounded British officer arriving here from the front tells the following:

"A pretty little fight was seen over the British lines at Cambrai. A French aviator swooped in the air and down on the German observer. They fought in the air as hawk and heron fight. Up and up they went as in whirling circles till at last the Frenchman soared aloft, far above his antagonist, and 'outed' him with a shot from his quick flier. He fell a mangled mass in front of our trenches."

"Thomas Atkins remains the cool, imperturbable creature that he has always shown himself. An officer lying in a trench under a terrific shell fire heard a voice at his elbow, saying: 'Beg pardon, sir?' He looked up. 'There was a private standing upright at the salute. 'Beg pardon, sir? May I fall out? I've been 'it three times.'"

"It may have been the same day. Anyhow, the conditions were the same. It was dinner time. But in this war there is no dinner, not from 12 to 1. The shells continued to roar. But fifty yards behind the trench, screened by a belt of trees, the battalion reserves had their three aught and employed their time cooking dinner for the battalion. That was all very well. But fifty yards of shell-ware ground between left the men in the trenches a plucky way from their dinner. Fortunately, the front was clear for a short time of hostile infantry. An officer called for volunteers sprang up. Away they raced to the belt of trees and returned triumphant with mess tins filled with shrapnel bullets and some of their number on the ground, but with dinner for the famished battalion."

"The men who fetched David the water from the well of Bethlehem were no mightier men of valor."

Posters Warn Against  
Politics in Civil Service

With a patriotic tinge by being printed in red, white, and blue, and with big "square-head" type, large posters are being distributed by the Civil Service Commission, it announced today, warning all Government employees against "pernicious political activity."

The posters will placard postoffices, Government departments, offices of employees, and all Federal buildings, in preparation for the fall campaign.

## What War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. MASON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Further necessity for strengthening the German western battle front has undoubtedly caused another re-distribution of the invaders' forces. Von Kluck's original command is doubtless now the strongest part of the entire German line, entailing corresponding weakness elsewhere.

The new western re-enforcements have come from the German center and from the left. Only an exchange of artillery fire has been proceeding at the center for a number of days while only the German left, the desperate attempts to break through the Meuse frontier defensive line have weakened. The reason in both cases is the urgent necessity for bolstering up the western battle line.

The length of this line, from its southern extremity between the Aisne and Oise rivers to the Belgian frontier is seventy-five miles. Properly to defend heavily entrenched positions and to attempt offensive diversions at Von Kluck's end, doing requires about 10,000 men per mile. The German western front therefore comprises 750,000 men, according to standard methods of estimating. The number may, in fact, be nearer a million, depending on the strength the allies have been able to muster for their advance toward Belgium.

Only opportunity for breaking through the German weakened center undoubtedly now exists, but to take advantage of it seems to be beyond the possibility of modern warfare. If the allies could detach secretly a considerable part of their western army and launch it against the German center, an overwhelming disaster to the Germans would result. Such a display of strategic genius of the kind that won many victories for Napoleon would earn for General Joffre the marshal's baton, just revived by the French government. The difficulties in the way are the superiority of the German espionage system and the persistent use by the Germans of local offensive tactics. This local offensive is admirably effective in preventing just such a coup as has been outlined above. If the allies were to weaken their western front, in order to concentrate against the center, one of Von Kluck's persistent counter attacks might break through the allied line and the complexion of the French campaign change in the twinkling of an eye.

Only an immediate success with the element of surprise playing a large part would overcome the risks. These risks are so perilous that they are not likely to be taken. Instead, the dangerous opportunity at the center for overwhelming the Germans by a lightning-like stroke, while undoubtedly under considera-

tion of the allies headquarters, probably will be declined. The slower ordeal of wearing down the resistance of the German western line is much safer.

British Peace Story  
Branded as Falsehood

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Joining in the general chorus of denunciation of an alleged interview with an unnamed British cabinet official cabled to the United States and printed in detail in connection with the peace propaganda of William R. Hearst, the Globe today says: "This particular report circulated on behalf of Mr. Hearst and declaring that England's best statesmen realized that acceptable terms of peace should be granted Germany, is a lurid fantastic falsehood. Not only is it in its entirety a mischievous invention, but it is in reality another product of the Potsdam lie factory."

Fifty-four Vessels Take  
Out American Registry

Fifty-four foreign built vessels, with a gross tonnage of 217,301, and valued at from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, have taken out United States registry under the amendment to the Panama Canal act, according to Assistant Secretary of Commerce Sweet.

The vessels were previously under British, Belgian, and German registry and flags.

CHOLERA CASES IN  
AUSTRIA TOTAL 62

Government Issues Statement to Check "Wild Reports" of Epidemic in Empire.

VIENNA (via Rome), Oct. 3.—Because of the wild reports that have been circulated regarding "hundreds" of cases of Asiatic cholera in the dual empire, the government today issued a statement announcing the facts. It is stated there are fifty-eight cases in Galicia; one only in Moravia, and three in Silesia.

It is also announced that extraordinary precautions have been taken to stamp out the disease; that all suspected cases are immediately isolated, and that every structure where a cholera case is reported is immediately fumigated.

## To Open Two Expositions.

Wireless messages to open to expositions will be sent by President Wilson within a short time. His first message will open the Boston pure food exposition Monday, and his second the dry farming congress at Wichita, October 7.

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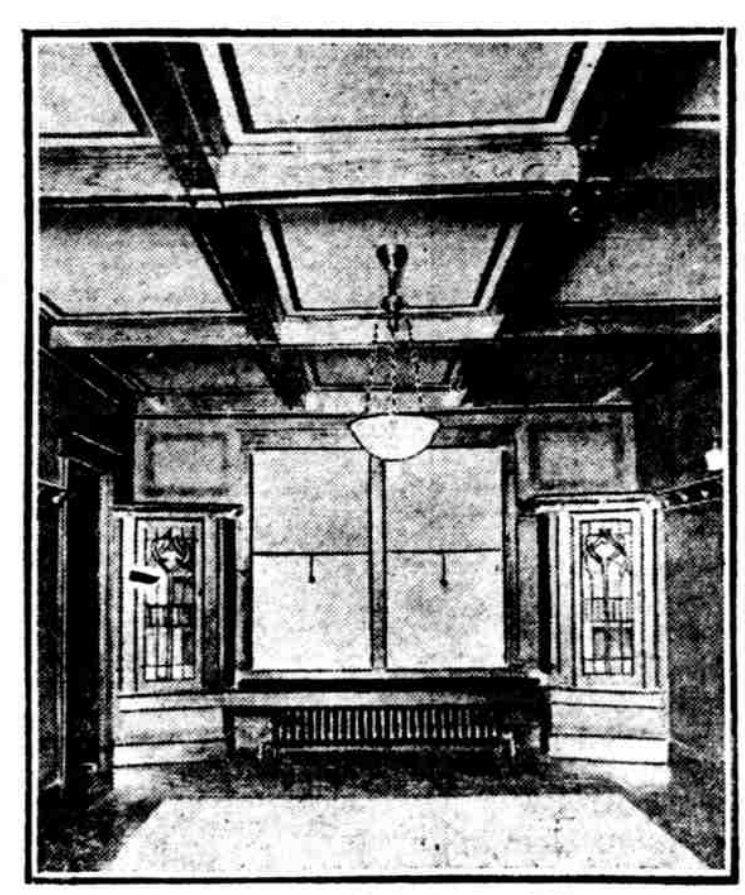


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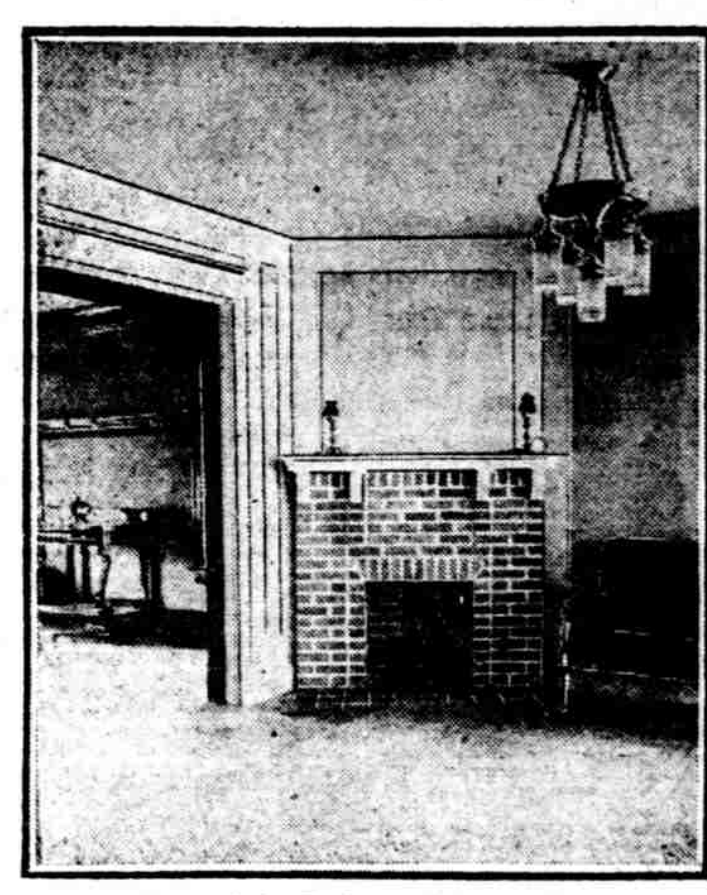
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